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Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A valve stem seal assembly for sealing a valve stem and valve guide having a chamfer, said valve stem seal assembly comprising:

a retainer including a step; and

a sealing element disposed within the retainer and having a first portion with a first sealing lip for sealing a valve stem, and a second portion with a second sealing lip for sealing a chamfer of a valve guide,

wherein the step exerts a compression force, F, against the second sealing lip, thereby sealing the second sealing lip against the chamfer of the valve guide.

- 2. The valve stem seal assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the compressive force is substantially perpendicular to a surface of the chamfer.
- 3. The valve stem seal assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the retainer includes one or more installation pads for providing a frictional force against the valve guide to prevent vertical movement of said valve stem seal assembly.
- 4. The valve stem seal assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said valve stem seal is bonded to said retainer.
- 5. The valve stem seal assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said sealing element is made of an elastomeric material.
- 6. A valve stem seal assembly for sealing a valve stem and valve guide having a chamfer, said valve stem seal assembly comprising:

a retainer including a step and one or more installation pads; and a valve stem seal disposed within the retainer and having a first portion with a first sealing lip for sealing a valve stem, and a second portion with a second sealing lip for sealing a chamfer of a valve guide,

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wherein the step of the retainer exerts a compression force, F, against the second sealing lip to seal the second sealing lip against the chamber of the valve guide, and

wherein the one or more installation pads exerts a frictional force against the valve guide to prevent movement of said valve stem seal assembly.

- 7. The valve stem seal assembly according to Claim 6, wherein the compressive force is substantially perpendicular to a surface of the chamfer.
- 8. The valve stem seal assembly according to Claim 6, wherein said valve stem seal is bonded to said retainer.
- 9. The valve stem seal assembly according to Claim 6, wherein said sealing element is made of an elastomeric material.